Celts Can Win Title Tonight

Boston – (UPI) – The Boston Celtics will be out to wind up the 1960-61 basketball season tonight – a few hours after Boston's 1961 baseball season opens.

The Celtics could make it three straight National Basketball association championships and four out of five with a win over the St. Louis Hawks at the Garden. The Red Sox opened their season this afternoon, entertaining the Kansas City Athletics.

Boston leads the Hawks, three games to one, in the best of seven series. Should a sixth game be needed, it would be at St. Louis Thursday night. The seventh game would be played here Saturday night.

However, Boston vows that neither the sixth nor seventh game will take place. Most of the players are anxious to wrap things up, collect their money and scatter to their homes.

The Celtics, it's generally agreed, have the horses to do just this tonight. Though not counting St Louis out, the Celtics are supremely confident of their own abilities. After battling back to take the fourth game at St. Louis Sunday, they figure to shell the Hawks out of the playoffs on their home court.

The Garden was completely sold out before Monday noon. It will be the second straight 13,909 capacity crowd in Boston, the second game also selling out.

Thus far, a practically unknown Boston rookie, 6-6 Tom (Hatch) Sanders, has been the big surprise and one of the keys in the series.

Coach Paul Seymour of St. Louis credits him with enabling the Celts to win the all-important fourth game.

FIGHTS

New York —(UPI)— Joe Stable, 143, Cuba, outpointed Billy Collins, 143, Detroit 10.

Philadelphia —(UPI)— Jimmy Ray, 143, Philadelphia, outpointed Ricky Criley, 146, Pittsburgh, 8.

San Francisco —(UPI)— Eddie Machen, 191, Redding, Calif., outpointed Mike DeJohn, 216, Syracuse, N. Y., 10.

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Player Wins Masters Championship

By LEO H. PETERSEN
UPI Sports Writer

Augusta, Ga. – (UPI) – Little Gary Player of South Africa is the new Masters champion only because Arnold Palmer is human after all.

The new king of golf is only five feet, seven inches tall and weighs "about 152 pounds soaking wet," but he has the touch of Midas on the greens.

The golden touch would not have been enough to win Monday, however, had not Palmer, noted for his superhuman finishes, faltered on the 72nd and final hole just when it looked like he had his second straight Masters championship all locked up.

Palmer summed up his downfall in a nutshell.

"I thought sixes happened only to other people," he said sadly, thus proving that he, too, can fall down in the clutch like anyone else.

Seen Dramatic Finishes

The Masters has seen some fantastic finishes in its 25 playings, but none to rival the drama and suspense of that 72nd hole.

Here was the situation:

Player with what appeared a drastic closing nine of four over par 40–which included a double bogey, was sitting in a cottage bordering the Masters' course, figuring that second place money of $12,000 was not bad at all.

He had little hope for the $20,000 first prize money for all Palmer had to do was to match par on the relatively easy 420-yard, par four final hole – a hole he birdied last year to win the title by one stroke.

Player, sitting beside his wife, Vivienne, frowned when the television screen he was watching showed that Palmer had hit his shot straight and true, leaving him a simple approach to the green.

When Palmer, using a seven iron, put that approach in a sand trap beside the green, Player lowered his head into his hands. Player started looking again when Palmer, after studying his lie–the ball was semi-buried–and the green for a long time, finally blasted out.

It was too strong and the ball flew over the green. There was a smile on Player's face now for a tie and an 18-hold playoff today looked like a good bet.

But Palmer chipped poorly, leaving himself a 20 foot putt for a tie.

Palmer, who has known little golfing adversity, studied the putt a long time and then stroked it too strongly, the ball going six inches past the cup. He tapped it in and became an ex-champion while Player's purse suddenly increased $8,000, the difference between first and second prize money.

So that double bogey six did the trick for Player. Earlier it was a double bogey seven which seemed it would keep him from becoming the first foreign golfer ever to win the Masters.

Had Faltering moments

For Player, too, had his faltering, human moments on the back nine of the par 33-36 –72, 6,980-yard Masters course.

He was short on his approach and bogeyed the 10th hole. He settled down and matched par for the next two holes.

Disaster overtook him on the 475-yard par five 13th. He put his tee shot into the trees and decided to try to hit the ball through the narrow opening across a creek. But the ball plopped into the water for a stroke penalty. Lying three, he hit his approach too strong and it was 30 feet above the cup. He proceeded to three-put–the only time his putter failed him in the bright sunshine and wind.

Player won the 1961 title with a 72-hole total of 280. Palmer had earlier helped Player win the championship by double bogeying the 18th hole to lose by one stroke.

HELPING HAND — Defending champion Arnold Palmer, left, is shown helping helping Gary Player adjust his new green coat–symbol of the Masters championship–after Player won the 1961 title with a 72-hole total of 280. Palmer had earlier helped Player win the championship by double bogeying the 18th hole to lose by one stroke. (UPI Telephoto)

Lee Allen Gets Grappling Toga

Toledo, Ohio – (UPI) – Lee Allen of Portland's Multnomah Athletic Club won the 139-pound division in national AAU Greco-Roman wrestling tournament here Saturday night.

He decisioned Ron Finley of Oregon State College. Allen captured the AAU freestyle title Thursday. The San Francisco Olympic Club won both team titles.

WRESTLING COACH

LaGrande –(UPI)– Ken Cox, a native of Pennsylvania, has been named head wrestling coach and assistant in track and football at Eastern Oregon college.

Machen Waiting for Patterson's Call

San Francisco – (UPI) – Eddie Machen, a calm man turned tiger, waited today for a call from promoters and a crack at Floyd Patterson's world heavyweight crown.

Machen, the number two challenger, made a punching bag out of sixth-ranked Mike DeJohn Monday night as he pounded his way to a bloody and unanimous 10-roun decision.

"I fought an aggressive fight because I wanted to make a good showing," said Machen after the battle. "I'm ready for Patterson now.

"The champ says I'm in line for a shot, I'm waiting for the call."

DeJohn never was in contention in the big heavyweight battle before 9,000 fans at the Cow Palace. He started bleeding from the nose in the fifth round and by the end of the fight the gore covered him, Machen and referee Matt Zidich and a goodly portion of the ringside crowd.

"I never saw so much blood before," said Eddie in the dressing room as his handlers swabbed him clean. "But it ain't so bad when it's not yours."

Judge Johnny Lotsey had it 8-1. Judge Jack Silver, 8-2, and referee Zidich 6-3, all for Machen.

There were no knockdowns in the bout and the vaunted block-buster that DeJohn was supposed to carry never got off.

Two Selected As Outstanding Rookies

New York – (UPI) – Stylish Carl Yastrzemski of the Boston Red Sox and fleet Willie Davis of the Los Angeles Dodgers were selected Monday to be the outstanding rookies of the 1961 major league baseball season.

The vote of 57 baseball experts participating in the United Press International's preseason survey was overwhelming, with Davis selected by 34 writers or broadcasters and Yastrzemski by 28. No other rookie received more than five votes.

Black Hawks Lead Stanley Cup Playoffs

Chicago – (UPI) – The explosive Chicago Black Hawks were halfway to hockey's most prized trophy, the Stanley Cup, today and new hard-hitting tactics might be enough to carry them the rest of the way.

The Black Hawks blasted three goals in six minutes and 23 seconds to trip the Detroit Red Wings, 3-1, and take a 2-to-1 lead in games in their best-of-seven series.

It wasn't as much the scoring outbursts as the way the team played that brought cheers from coach Rudy Pilous and General Manager Tommy Ivan.

"We played the way we're capable of playing," Pilous said, "and the way they like to play. I think the speed of Bobby Hull, Red Hay and Murray Balfour will offset Detroit's speed in Alex Delvecchio, Vic Stasiuk and Gordie Howe.

"We've had a complex worrying about Howe. Now let Howe worry about Hull. We have waited for the day Hull started passing off and making assists instead of firing goals, and now he's mature two - way National Hockey league player."

Ivan, who once coached Detroit to the Stanley Cup three times, had the same attitude. "We played our kind of hockey and let them worry about checking us, instead of us worrying about checking them," he said.

Redwood City, Calif.–(UPI)– Stanford University opened its 1961 crew season Saturday by defeating Oregon State and University of Southern California in a triangular meet on Redwood City harbor. The Indian crew finished a length ahead of Oregon State. USC was a half-length behind Oregon State. Oregon State's rook crew beat Stanford by one and one-half lenghts.

Major League Campaign Gets Under Way in Earnest Today

By NORMAN MILLER
United Press International

This may be a "new frontier" season for baseball, but the champion Pittsburgh Pirates and New York Yankees start play today with the same old lineups that were good enough to win them pennants in 1960.

The new era of expansion, launched Monday when the new Washington Senators made a 4-3 losing debut against the Chicago White Sox in the nation's captial, gets into full swing today when the 16 other clubs open their 1961 season.

For the most part, the opening-day pitching assignments were entrusted to such old hands as Robin Roberts, Warren Spahn, Whitey Ford and Bob Friend.

But the inaugural day lineups also will include approximately 18 rookies eager to live up to the impressive showing made Monday in Washington by a presidential rookie named John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

President Kennedy made one of the longest ceremonial tosses on record to start the new season and then sat back among the crowd of 26,725 to watch manager Mickey Vernon and his novice ball club take on the White Sox.

The Senators promptly showed the President and fellow fans a giveaway program that Congress never would have dared to pass. The Washington club made four errors to lose the game and become the first club ever to occupy 10th place in the American League standings.

Washington led 3-2 atfer six innings only to have first baseman Dale Long make a throwing error in the seventh and catcher Pete Daley follow suit in the eighth to present the White Sox with the runs that won the game. Reliever Frank Baumann received credit for the Chicago victory while Dick Donovan was the loser.

Back to the Pirates and Yankees: Both clubs will stand pat with last season's lineups, at least for a while.

The Pirates, who oddly are receiving only lukewarm support to repeat as NL pennant winners, open against the San Francisco Giants on the West Coast. Bob Friend, 18-12 last season, is due to start for the Pirates.

Sam Jones (18-14) gets the call for the Giants, who launch the season with four new faces. These are manager Al Dark; third baseman Harvey Kuenn, obtained in a winter trade with Cleveland; and rookines Charlie Hiller at second and Tom Haller behind the plate.

Will Start Ford

The Yankees start a new regime under Ralph Houk, who replaces the eminently successful Casey Stengel. Ole Case guided the club to 10 pennants and 7 world championships during the past 12 seasons.

Houk steals a page from the old manager's book by starting the craftey Ford, 12-9 last season, in the opener against the transplanted Minnesota Twins at New York. Pedro Ramos (11-18) is Minnesota's choice.

The Los Angeles Angels, the other of the new clubs in the expanded 10-team AL, take wing against the Orioles at Baltimore. In other AL games, the Detroit Tigers host the Cleveland Indians, and the Boston Red Sox entertain the Kansas City A's. Washington and Chicago are idle.

The Los Angeles Dodgers, picked by many to win the NL pennant, are expected to draw the largest home crowd when they take on the Philadelphia Phillies in Tuesday's only night game. A crowd of about 50,000 should be on hand when Don Drysdale 15-14 opposes the veteran Robin Roberts 12-16.

In other NL games, the Milwaukee Braves entertain the St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Cubs, under "head coach" Vedie Himsl, meet the Reds at Cincinnati. The Braves-Cards game pits last season's only two 21 game winners, Spahn starting for Milwaukee and Ernie Broglio for St. Louis.

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SPORTS

Prep Sports Slate Heavy on Week End

Another heavy concentration of spring sports activities will involve high school teams of the area this week end.

Baseball, track and tennis are involved. On the track and field front the Hayward relays at Eugene occupy the main attention. There will be conference play in both baseball and tennis.

Southern Oregon conference baseball will have Medford at Grants Pass on Friday and Ashland at Klamath Falls on Saturday. Eagle Point will entertain Illinois Valley in the Rogue loop on Friday. Prospect and Butte Falls of the county B loop are billed Saturday.

Medford diamonders entertain Yreka, Calif., on Saturday while the Black Tornado junior varsity goes to Grants Pass. The Ashland trip to KF involves both varsity and jayvees.

Track Teams Travel

In other baseball action this week Eagle Point varsity was to host Crater JV today and Ashland jayvee plays Wednesday at Medford.

St. Mary's of Medford, Phoenix, Eagle Point, Illinois Valley and Rogue River go to Eugene Friday for the Class C and B Hayward relays. Medford, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Crater and Ashland contend in the Metropolitan and Class A Haywards on Saturday. Eagle Point thinclads were to go to Grants Pass today to face the Caveman nocice teams.

Medford's tennis team will be at Grants Pass on Friday. On Saturday it is host to Eureka, Calif.

In ninth grade track and field Crater will oppose Hedrick here on Friday while McLoughlin travels to meet North Grants Pass. Seventh and eighth grade encounters will include McLoughlin at South Grants Pass on Friday and North Grants Pass here against Hedrick on Saturday.

San Francisco – (UPI) – A strong bid is being made by the state Chamber of Commerce to bring the Olympic games to California in 1968. The Chamber of Commerce said that the state's ample facilities could make the 1968 games "the most successful in history."

Royal Oaks Scene of Golf Open

Vancouver, Wash. – Oregon Open Golf championship tournament is scheduled for May 1, 2 and 3 at Royal Oaks Country club here.

The invitational is co-sponsored by Royal Oaks and the Oregon branch of the Northwest section of the Professional Golfers association.

Eligible to participate are Oregon and Washington PGA members and invited guests. There will be 72 holes of medal play and entries will close at 170 players.

The tournament will offer a $2,000 purse and $400 in lap money. There will be $800 worth of a amateur prizes. Net awards for amateurs will go for the first 36 holes.

Amateurs to participate must not have a handicap over 10 strokes.

William (Red) Eggers, Portland, is expected to defend his title. Other possible entrants are Bob Duden, Oswego, 1959 champ, and Dick Yost, Portland, 1960 victor.

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Harlem Clowns Quintet Brings Basketball Show

The hilarious Harlem Clowns come to Medford on Wednesday.

Advertised as the funniest basketball team in America, the Clowns are a combine of hoopsters who tour the country making people laugh.

COMEDY STARS – Joe Banks 6-4, is one of the comedy stars of the Harlem Clowns basketball team which will play at at Hedrick gym here at 8 p.m. on Wednesday against the Medford Merchants.

They'll play at 8 p.m. at Hedrick gym against the Medford Merchants team which was third in the recent Oregon AAU tournament.

When the name "Harlem Clowns" is mentioned, hoop fans get ready for an evening of entertainment. The fans come out to see a fancy exhibition, razzle - dazzle ball handling, intricate routines, both planned and impromptu comedy and all sorts of shenanigans.

Keep Game Even

The Harlem Clowns are unique in the fact they never try to run up a huge score against opponents — It has been their policy to keep the game even, devoting much of the time to comedy stuff and ball handling routines.

And owner Al (Runt) Pullins remembers the line someone once said: "A real pro will never make you look bad."

There are times, naturally, when the Clowns have to extend themselves. When the home team is execptionally strong or gets "hot", the Clowns have a ball game on their hands. Then you see some real action as well as comedy.

The Harlem Clowns are a happy bunch of players — no one individual is the big star of the team, so they all join in the fun of making people laugh.

A bouncing basketball is the magic carpet that has taken the Clowns into all parts of the USA, Canada, Mexico and the Hawaiian Islands.

Some fans like straight basketball, others like comedy, but the average crowd prefers a generous mixture of both. Pullins tries to please fan in every way possible.

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